

Monitoring Abuse and Neglect at Montana Developmental Center
Disability Rights Montana Fact Sheet - 4/6/2015

- * Disability Rights Montana has been monitoring abuse and neglect at the Montana Developmental Center for more than 20 years.
- * Since 2001, MDC has been the recipient of 7 immediate jeopardy findings from the Center for Medicaid Services, which were largely based upon deficiencies in its response to abuse and neglect of residents. The most common violations identified in surveys from 2000 to 2014 involve the staff's treatment of clients and violation of their rights. (See reverse page).
- * DRM is unaware of any private health care facility in Montana that has received more than two immediate jeopardy findings and has remained in operation.
- * In 2013, after a damning MT Department of Justice report of MDC's botched internal investigation of a rape of a resident by a staff member, the legislature passed SB 43, which gave the Department of Justice the duty to investigate abuse and neglect allegations at MDC.
- * Also in 2013, the Senate heard SB 254, to develop a plan to close MDC. In response, the MT DPHHS promised that MDC would improve if the new administration was given time to reform.
- * Since 2013, MDC has struggled to keep residents safe. Since April of 2014, the Department of Justice has substantiated 73 incidents staff abuse and neglect of residents at MDC that have resulted in a broken clavicle, a serious head injury, sexual assault and rape.
- * Last week, DRM became aware of a new survey for which MDC is in the process of preparing a plan of correction.

**Most common violations of federal regulations at MDC
according to CMS Forms 2567 (2000-2014)**

Staff treatment of Clients	42
Client Rights	36
Client Protections	7
Client communications	3
Conduct Toward Clients	5
Dignity & Respect	2

*These violations all concern direct interactions with clients **TOTAL: 95**

Individual Tx Program Plans, Implementation / monitoring of treatment	56
Drugs	16
Qualified Profession staff & services	16
Treatment Services	15
Governing Body	10
Meals / Dining	10
Mgmt of Inappropriate Client Behavior	9
Compliance w/ laws	8
Physical Restraints	6
Admission, Transfer, Discharge	5
Client Records	4